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By Representatives Caldier, Callan, Dent, Corry, and Frame

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the department of children, youth,
2 and families to submit a report regarding independent living
3 services; and amending RCW 74.13.540.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.13.540 and 2013 c 39 s 30 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Independent living services include assistance in achieving
8 basic educational requirements such as a high school equivalency
9 certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536, enrollment in vocational
10 and technical training programs offered at the community and
11 vocational colleges, and obtaining and maintaining employment; and
12 accomplishing basic life skills such as money management, nutrition,
13 preparing meals, and cleaning house. A baseline skill level in
14 ability to function productively and independently shall be
15 determined at entry. Performance shall be measured and must
16 demonstrate improvement from involvement in the program. Each
17 recipient shall have a plan for achieving independent living skills
18 by the time the recipient reaches age twenty-one. The plan shall be
19 written within the first thirty days of placement and reviewed every
20 ninety days. A recipient who fails to consistently adhere to the
21 elements of the plan shall be subject to reassessment by the

1 professional staff of the program and may be declared ineligible to
2 receive services.

3 (2) By November 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the department
4 shall, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, submit a report to the
5 appropriate legislative committees that includes the following
6 information on independent living services from the most recent state
7 fiscal year that information is available, separated by provider to
8 the degree possible:

9 (a) A description of the services that each independent living
10 provider is contracted to provide;

11 (b) A description of the services delivered by each independent
12 living provider;

13 (c) How many children were served by each independent living
14 provider;

15 (d) The average and median per capita expenditures on independent
16 living services;

17 (e) The number of young adults eighteen to twenty-one years of
18 age who received independent living services; and

19 (f) A description of the services administered to youth who
20 transition between counties after their eighteenth birthday.

21 (3) If the department is unable to provide the data requested in
22 subsection (2) of this section, it will provide a complete
23 explanation of why it was unable to do so.

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